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SUMMARY: LATEST EMBASSY TALK WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON E-W FAILS TO PRODUCE MOVEMENT, BUT MINISTRY KEEPS DOOR OPEN ON US PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR WILL RAISE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FEBRUARY 12, EMBOFF (MSACOUNS) CALLED ON YAVUZALP (DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, MFA) TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF E-W PROBLEM. YAVUZALP, WHO CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT US HAD NOT RESPONDED TO HIS PROPOSALS OF SUMMER 1973, FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD ORALLY BRIEFED TGS ON LATEST US PROPOSAL. HE CHARACTERIZED TGS REACTION AS "DISAPPOINTED." WHILE QUESTION OF AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS IMPORTANT, HE SAID, AMOUNT WAS FAR BELOW TGS REQUIREMENTS; PROPOSAL WAS ALSO UNACCEPTABLE FOR OTHER REASONS, WHICH HE ONCE AGAIN RECITED: NECESSITY OF HONORING AGREEMENTS, ETC. IN RESPONSE OUR QUESTION, HE SAID HE HAD REEXAMINED AGREEMENTS, BUT SAW NOTHING THEREIN TO CHALLENGE HIS INTERPRETATION OF NATURE OF COMMITMENT.

2. WE RESTATED OUR ARGUMENTS, ONCE MOREE STRESSING US

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EFFORTS TO FIND FAIR SOLUTION. ALTHOUGH RELUCTANT TO DO SO,

WE CONCLUDED, NOTHING REMAINED EXCEPT FOR US TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON THAT TURKEY HAD REJECTED OUR OFFER. GIVEN HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN US EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEM, INCLUDING SECDEF, WE FEARED THIS TURKISH RESPONSE WOULD PRODUCE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON.

3. YAVUZALP BALKED AT OUR REPORTING TURKISH REFUSAL TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT SINCE HE HAD TREATED OUR PROPOSAL AS INFORMAL, HE HAD NOT GIVEN US FORMAL REFUSAL. IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GIVE US FORMAL RESPONSE, HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN GOT.

4. MEETING ENDED WITH OUR INFORMING YAVUZALP THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE CONVEYING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH TURKISH POSITION TO FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES DURING THEIR TALK FEBRUARY 13.

5. COMMENT: TWO SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS IN ABOVE CONVERSATION ARE THESE:

(1) YAVUZALP'S CONCESSION THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS IMPORTANT IS INTERESTING. WHILE WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT TURKS' OPENING PRICE WILL BE IF IT COMES TO BARGAINING, POSSIBILITY THAT WE CAN SETTLE MATTER ON BASIS NEGOTIATED ONE-TIME MAP AMOUNT HAS BEEN MORE CLEARLY HINTED AT.

(2) YAVUZALP'S ALARM AT OUR STATEMENT OF INTENT TO REPORT TURKISH TURNDOWN TO WASHINGTON SUGGESTS THAT HIS NEGATIVE POSITION IS NOT AS FIRM AS HE WOULD HAVE US THINK.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED POUCH US BY FASTEST MEANS DOCUMENTS SHEDDING LIGHT ON EARLY HISTORY OF E-W COMMITMENT, AS DISCUSSED WITH GREY AND MOENCH DURING RECENT VISIT OF STATE-DOD TEAM.

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